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To whom it may concern,

My name is Christine De Franco. I have been riding motorcycles for about 14 years now. I feel the only way to prevent motorcycle related collisions & deaths is to educate, educate, educate! Motorcycle Safety Courses are an excellent tool for preventing both of these. About these interviews you are planning. What are you using as a guideline to see if these people qualify to be interviewed? How do you interview an uneducated individual? What I mean by this is someone who has not taken a state approved motorcycle safety course or has had atleast 20 years on the road active riding experience. I have seen many uneducated people riding motorcycles weaving & bucking on our roads. What happens if you interview one of these people? Do you think their answers will be accurate? I know about being uneducated because I was one not too long ago. I had a single motorcycle accident about 5 years ago. I had taken the course about 8 years prior to that & had a motorcycle license but, had it been a law that I must take a state approved motorcycle safety course after purchasing my motorcycle I may not have had that accident. Why do you ask? It had been too long between the time I had taken that course then, quit riding the bike I had then, bought another one 6 years later. Riding was a little different but, I still rode. The difference was I didn't remember all the correct sequences of using my brakes, speeds, turns & SIPDE. After that accident I took the course again. I felt reborn and extremely stupid for not taking it sooner. Everyone has an opinion but, make sure you get the most educated interviewees. I'm sure you want the most educated answers for an educated report not a stupid report. What are your questions going to be about? How much experience does your interviewers have involving on the road active motorcycling riding experience? I'd like to hear your opinion & the outcome of these interviews.

Sincerely,
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